(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A proposal for infrastructure development/upgradation for the Aquaculture Cluster, Bhimavaram-Visakhapatnam zone under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Since the proposal was not in conformity with the parameters for IIUS, the same could not be sanctioned and a communication to this effect was sent to Government of Andhra pradesh in June, 2005.

Modernisation and integrated development of leather sector

3370. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been approved to support moderanisation and integrated development of leather sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would be redesigned to assist the small scale sector more;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has notified a comprehensive scheme titled "Integrated Development of Leather Sector" (IDLS) for modernization and technology upgradation in all the segments of the Leather Industry, *viz.*, tanneries, footwear, footwear components, saddlery, leather goods and garments, with an outlay of Rs. 290 crore during the Tenth Plan Period. The assistance is available in the form of investment grant @ of 30% to SSI units and 20% to non-SSI units with a ceiling of Rs.50 lakh for both SSI & non-SSI units.

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3371. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: